

HEROES

CHAPTER 159

STARTING OVER

Eric Doyle (“The Puppet Master”) has been living a normal life since escaping from Level 5 and the Building 26 Agents. Working a nine to five office job, he has even managed to make a connection with fellow officemate Lauren. It seems as if his life is finally on the right path, until a certain Carnival makes its way to his doorstep...

SEEMS LIKE I'M ALWAYS STARTING OVER. IT'S ALWAYS MY FIRST DAY. WHEN'S IT GONNA BE TIME FOR THE REST?



I STARTED TO START OVER GREAT WITH LAUREN...



BETTER THAN WHEN I TRIED TO START OVER AT CERTAIN OTHER TIMES IN MY LIFE...



I'D KNOCK THAT OFF IF I WERE YOU.

DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT BUDDY.







HELLUVA
SHOW YOU CAN
PUT ON MR.
DOYLE.



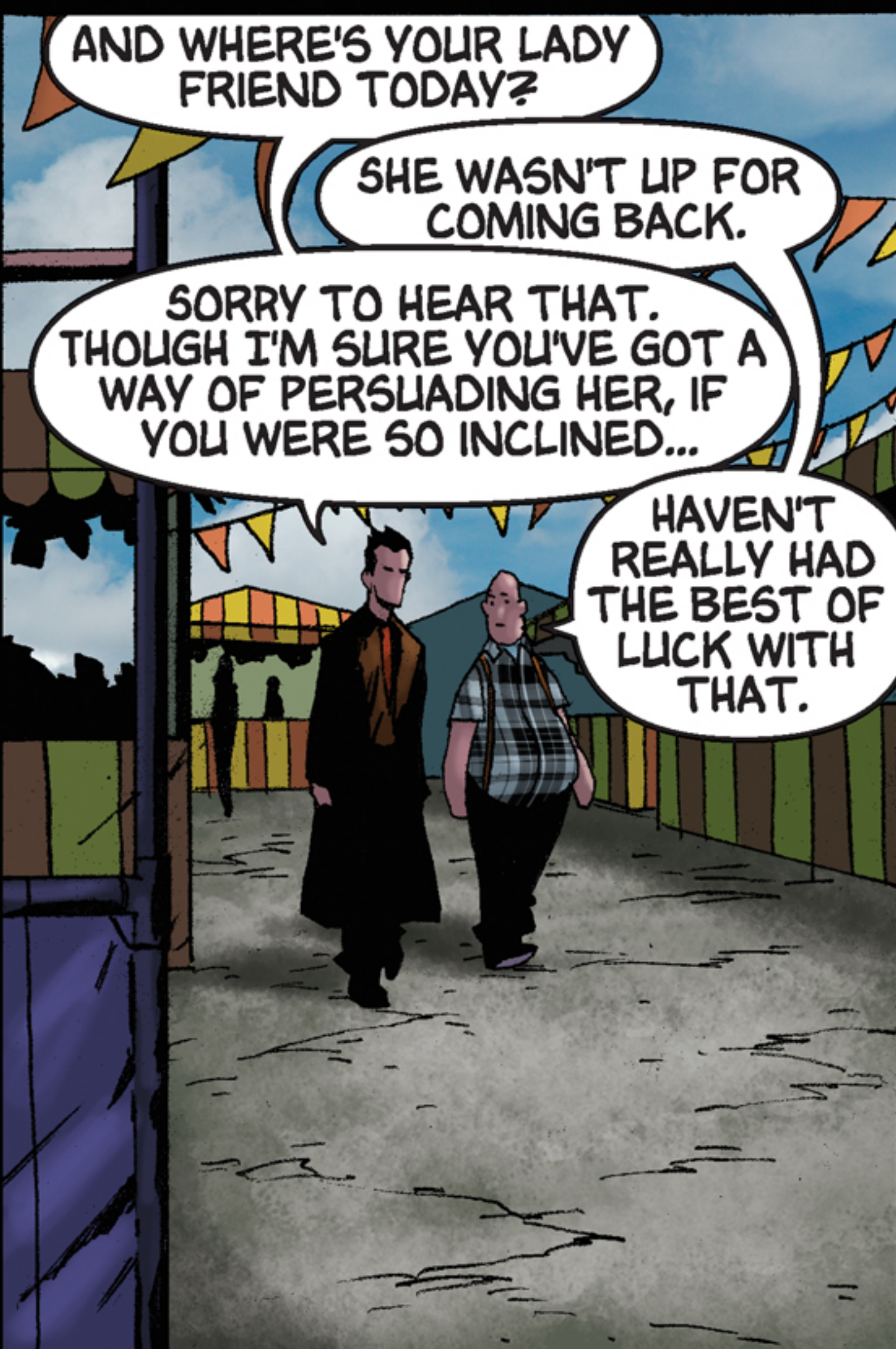
KA-WHUMP



YOU
ALRIGHT,
MAC?

LIFTED THE
TILT-A-WHIRL CLEAN OFF THE
GROUND THE OTHER DAY, COULDN'T
DO ANYTHING TO STOP WHATEVER
IT WAS *HE* WAS DOIN' TO ME!

SORRY 'BOUT
THAT, DON'T GET
A CHANCE TO STRETCH
THE OLD ABILITY MUSCLE
THESE DAYS, GUESS
I'M A LITTLE OUTTA WHACK.



AND WHERE'S YOUR LADY
FRIEND TODAY?

SHE WASN'T UP FOR
COMING BACK.

SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
THOUGH I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT A
WAY OF PERSUADING HER, IF
YOU WERE SO INCLINED...

HAVEN'T
REALLY HAD
THE BEST OF
LUCK WITH
THAT.



THIS PLACE IS AMAZING,
REALLY SAMUEL. PEOPLE
LIKE ME, BEING ABLE
TO USE THEIR ABILITIES
OUT IN THE OPEN...

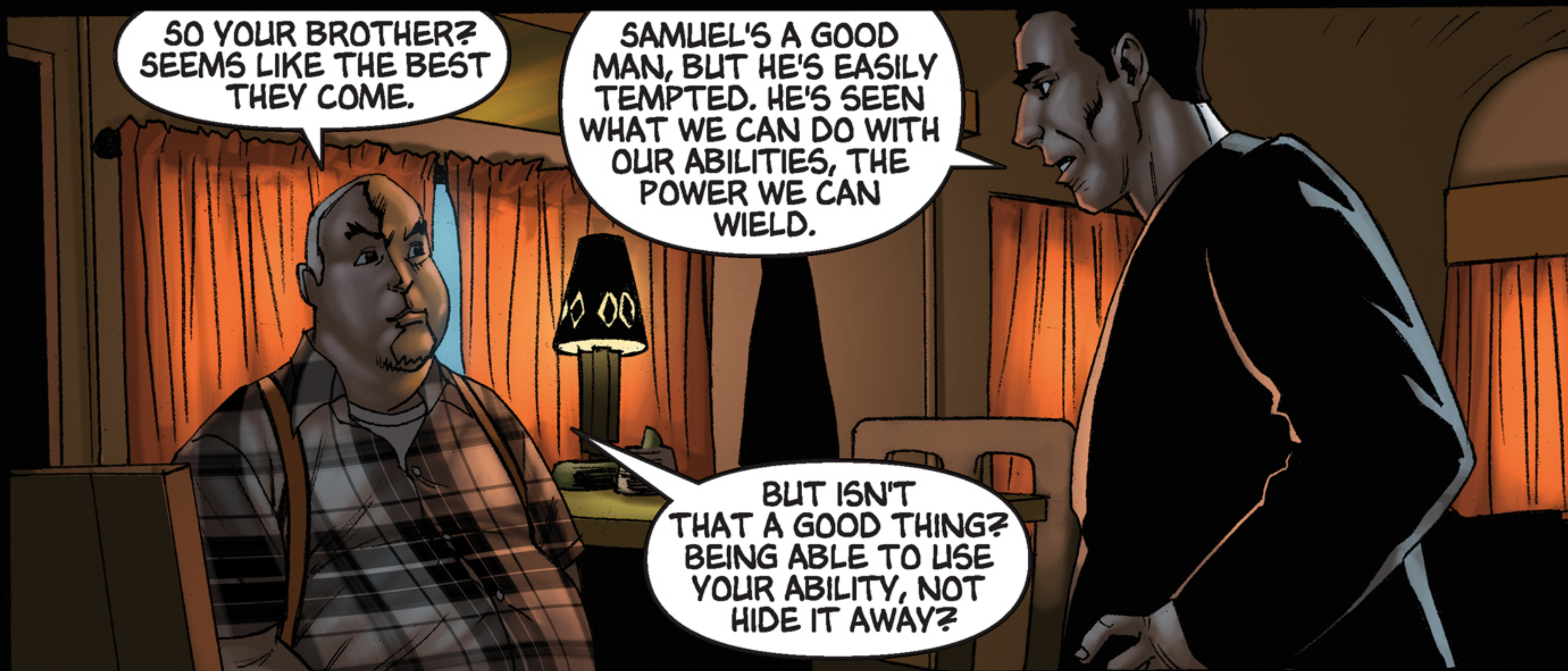
HERE THERE ARE NO PEOPLE
LIKE YOU, WE'RE ALL THE
SAME, FAMILY.

I LIKE THAT.

WELL IF YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH,
WHY DON'T YA STAY?

FOR DINNER?

I HAD
SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE
PERMANENT IN MIND.



SO YOUR BROTHER?
SEEMS LIKE THE BEST
THEY COME.

SAMUEL'S A GOOD
MAN, BUT HE'S EASILY
TEMPTED. HE'S SEEN
WHAT WE CAN DO WITH
OUR ABILITIES, THE
POWER WE CAN
WIELD.

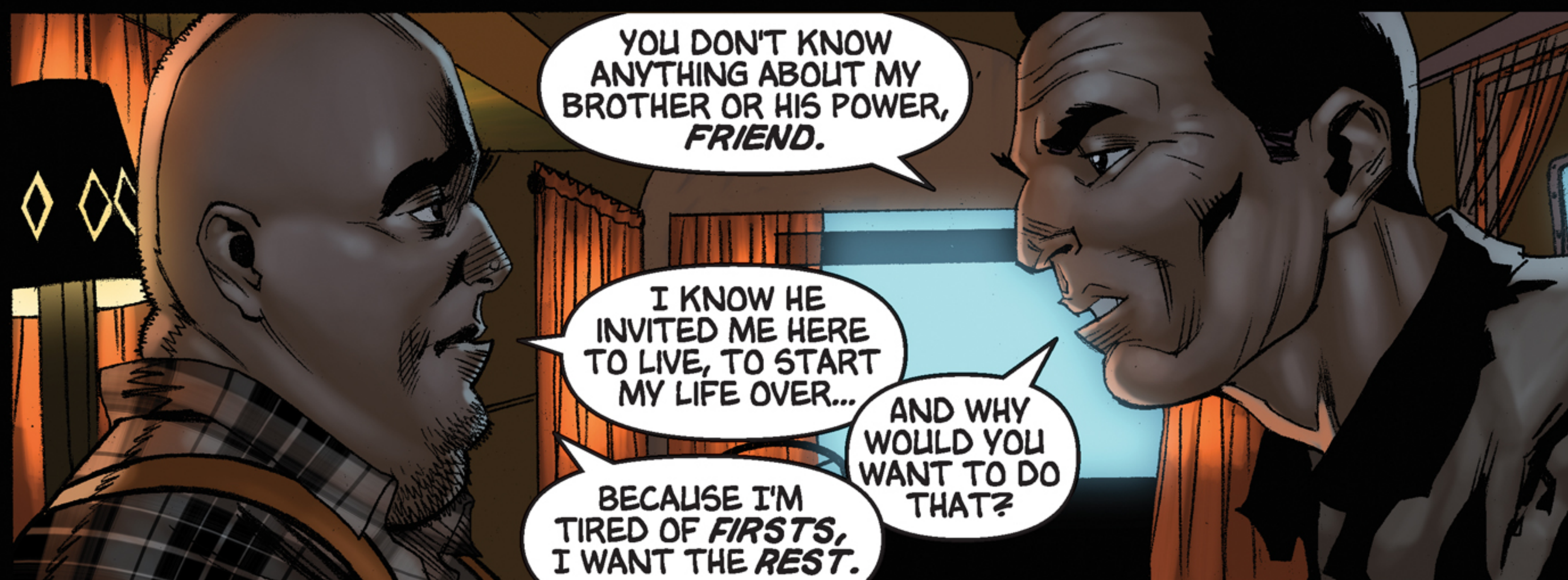
BUT ISN'T
THAT A GOOD THING?
BEING ABLE TO USE
YOUR ABILITY, NOT
HIDE IT AWAY?



THE ABILITY AND
POWER ISN'T WHAT'S
GOOD OR BAD, IT'S
THE PERSON WHO
HAS IT.



YEAH... WELL,
SAMUEL SEEMS
GOOD, SO I'M
GUESSING HIS
POWER IS
TOO.



YOU DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT MY
BROTHER OR HIS POWER,
FRIEND.

I KNOW HE
INVITED ME HERE
TO LIVE, TO START
MY LIFE OVER...

AND WHY
WOULD YOU
WANT TO DO
THAT?

BECAUSE I'M
TIRED OF *FIRSTS*,
I WANT THE *REST*.



I HEARD ABOUT WHAT
YOU DID THE OTHER NIGHT,
CONTROLLING OUR GAME
OPERATOR.

PUPPETTING,
TECHNICALLY.

ABILITY LIKE
THAT COULD COME IN
HANDY AROUND HERE,
ESPECIALLY WITH MY
"GOOD" BROTHER...



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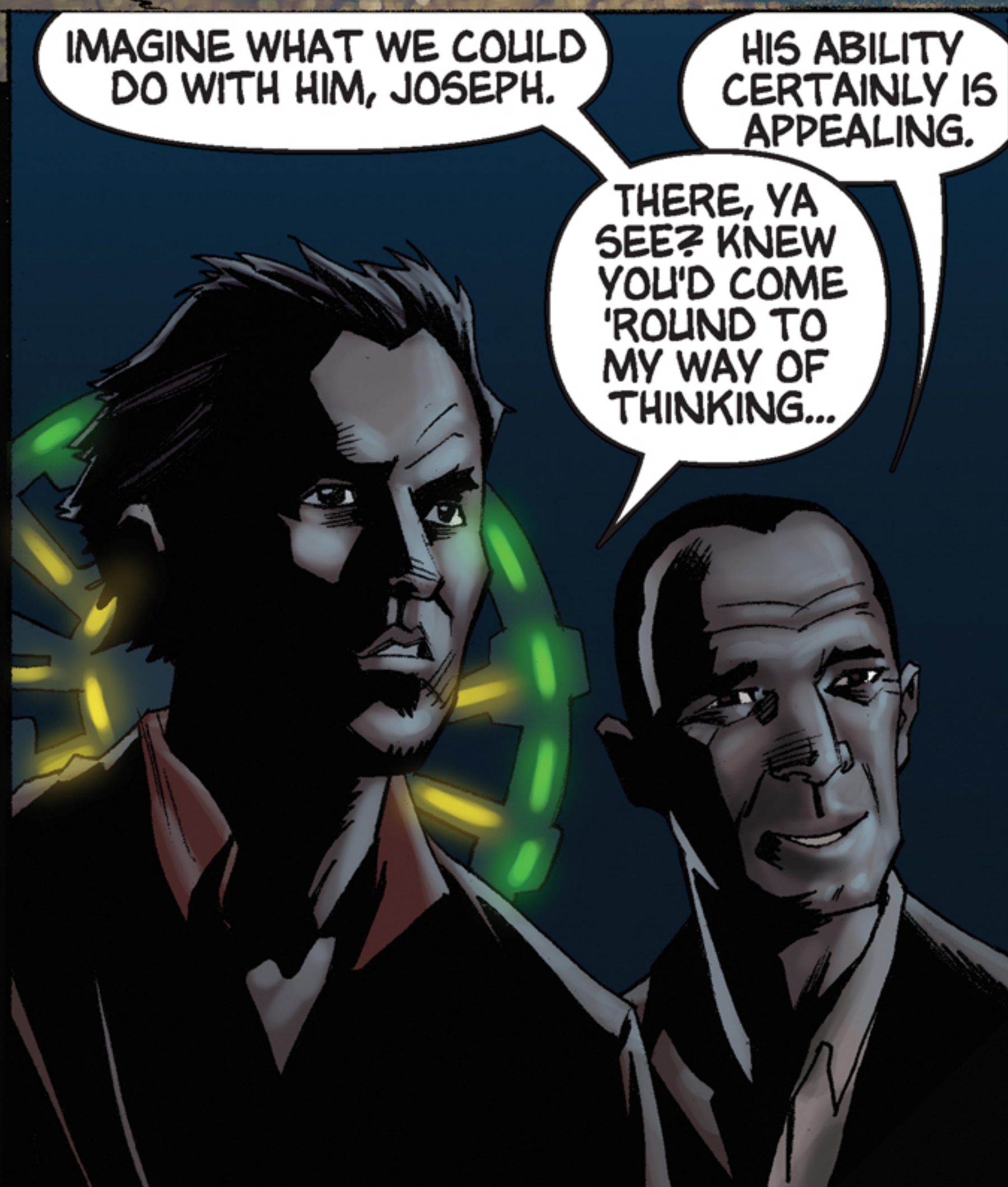
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IMAGINE WHAT WE COULD
DO WITH HIM, JOSEPH.

HIS ABILITY
CERTAINLY IS
APPEALING.

THERE, YA
SEE? KNEW
YOU'D COME
'ROUND TO
MY WAY OF
THINKING...



THAT WAS GOING TO BE
MY LAST *FIRST* DAY...



THE BEGINNING
OF THE REST...



I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN
AVOIDING ME, THAT WHAT YOU
SAW THE OTHER NIGHT SCARED
YOU... I SCARED YOU.

THAT MAN...YOU
WERE HURTING HIM.
I DON'T KNOW HOW,
BUT YOU WERE.

JUST LET ME
EXPLAIN. LET ME TAKE
YOU BACK THERE--

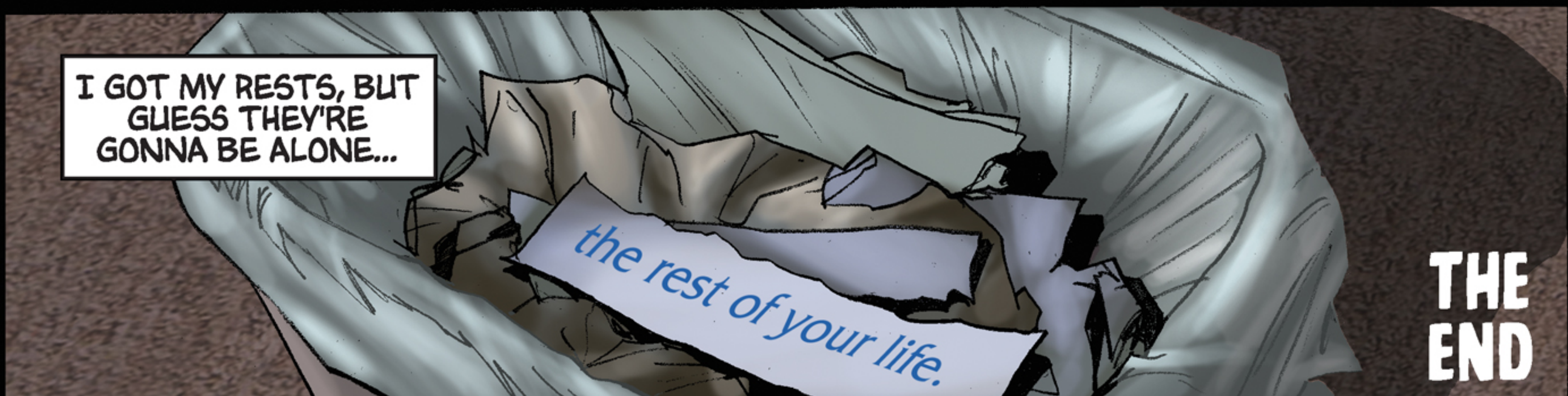


BACK?! I'M NEVER
GOING BACK THERE,
I DON'T WANT TO
BE AROUND
PEOPLE LIKE THAT.
PEOPLE LIKE...
LIKE...

LIKE ME?



I COULD
MAKE YOU COME
WITH ME, YOU
KNOW...



I GOT MY RESTS, BUT
GUESS THEY'RE
GONNA BE ALONE...

the rest of your life.

THE
END